

**Remarks/Arguments:**

***Summary of Changes Made***

Claims 1-12 remain in the application. Claim 1 has been amended to address the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

***Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. §112***

In the prior Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-12 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Specifically, the Examiner concluded that claim 1 was indefinite in regards to the inter-relationship of the two-step process of "forming" as set forth at the beginning original lines 2 and 4 of the claim.

In this Amendment, applicant has amended claim 1 to incorporate the changes suggested by the Examiner. Specifically, the word "separately" has been inserted before the second occurrence of the word "forming"; the phrase "of said mixture" has been inserted after the word "acid"; and the word "said" has been substituted for the word "the" after the word "dispersing".

The Examiner also noted that there was insufficient antecedent basis for the phrase "or dispersion" in claims 3 and 5. Accordingly, applicant has amended claim 1 to clarify that an aqueous solution or dispersion is formed. The change to claim 1 provides sufficient antecedent basis for the phrase "or dispersion" in claims 3 and 5. Reconsideration is thus respectfully requested.

### ***Double Patenting***

In the prior Office Action, the Examiner provisionally rejected claims 1-12 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over originally filed claim numbers 14-22 and 26 (now renumbered as claims 12-20 in the Notice of Allowability) of copending Application No. 10/306,802. In response, applications have contemporaneously filed a terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.321(c), which overcomes the provisional rejection.

### ***Claims Free Of Prior Art Rejections***


Applicants acknowledge and concur with the Examiner's conclusion that claims 1-12 are free of prior art rejections.

### ***Conclusion***

In view of the foregoing, the issuance of a timely Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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